THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Complimentary Card Passes arc issued to eminent persons engaged in work of National importance, for which they are required to undertake frequent journeys based on merits of each case, with the personal approval of the competent authority.

(b) The number of Complimentary Card Passes valid as on 30-4-1992 was 92.

(c) Since Complimentary Card Passes are granted free, the value of such passes has neither been computed nor feasible of computation realistically.

Acquisition of Railway land at Ghat-Kopar in Bombay

1900. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay to acquire the Railway land to widen the Jawahar Road at Ghat-kopar (East) in Bombay;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. Shadra-Saharanpur double line

1901. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make GZB-SRE route double line, if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether there is any proposal to make the line double on the Shahdra-Saharanpur Section; and

(c) whether there is any proposal also to electrify it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Ghazi-abad-Muradnagar and Saharanpur. Tapri sections have already double line track. There is presently no proposal for doubling between Muradnagar and Tapri.

(b) and (c) No. Sir.

Construction of over-bridges at Vikhroli in Bombay

1902. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a Foot Over-Bridge and a Road Over-Bridge at Vikhroli in Bombay;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these bridges are likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) A proposal for construction of a Road Over-Bridge in lieu of level crossing No. 14 at Bombay end of Vikhroli station has been received from the Bombay Municipal Corporation. There is no proposal for construction of a foot over.bridge at Vikhroli at present.

(c) Construction of Road Over-Bridge will take four to five years after sanction of work.

Dhanbad-Patherdih passenger train

1903. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to run Dhanbad-Patherdih Passenger train upto Bhojudih and then upto Jamshadpur via Adra and Purulia by making necessary modifications in Patherdih-Bhojudih section of the

line now meant for goods trains only; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware of a commitment of the previous Railway Minister in a letter No. 90/ Chg. I|16|E|2 dated 28th January, 1991 to the then a Member of Parlia ment to complete the work in 1991-92;

(c) if so, the steps taken thereon;

(d) whether Government are also aware of a public agitation on April 6, 1992 against breach of commitment; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is a proposal to extend Dhanbad-Patherdih train upto Bhojudih after remodelling of Patherdih yard.

(b) The letter under reference stated the fact that necessary work on modification of Pathcrdih-Bhoju. dih section to make it fit for running passenger trains, had been included in the Work Programme for 1991-92.

(c) The work is in progress.

(d) There was an agitation at Bhojudih on 6-4-92 demanding better rail services including extension of Dhanbad-Patherdih train upto Bhojudih.

(e) Extension of train upto Bhojudih will be considered on completion of the work.

Principle of transferring dividends

1904. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the principle of transferring dividends by Railways to the Gene ral Fund; and

(b) the amount so transferred during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The rates of dividend payable by the Railways to General Revenues are based on the recommendations of the railway Convention Committee duly approved by Parliament.

(b) The dividend paid was as under:

Year	Amount (Rupees in crores)
1988-89	715.66
1989-90	808.81
1990-91	938.11

Gauge conversion projects

1905. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA-Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gauge conversion projects under implementation and since when;

(b) whether any target date for their completion has been fixed;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in their. completion and the . costes-calation due to delay;

(d) whether Government have decided to carry out gauge conversion projects on a war-footing and complete them by the 31st March, 1993; and

(e) if so, the details thereof especially the mechanism developed to ensure the completion by the target
date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN)^ (a) (i) There are 31 guage conversion projects in progress as on date. Of these, 19 have been taken up as new works in 92-93 Budget;